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Title

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 9]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
(IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

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16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122

(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

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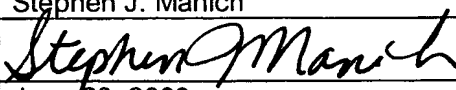
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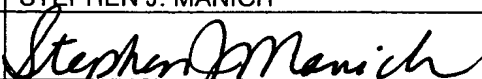
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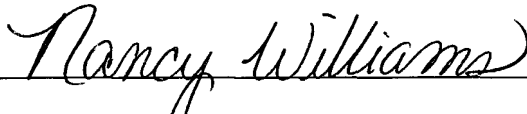
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